CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 19, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Lisa Bodrogi gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni (remote), Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Interim Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remote), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Senior Civil Engineer Mark Mueller, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Recreation & Parks Department Secretary Sheila Rothstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Escobedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Glenn Morris, Chamber of Commerce President, and Mayor Patino presented certificates of recognition to the Featured Businesses of the Month for April 2022 - Care Connection Transport Services and Safran Cabin. Lorene Murphy and Zach Fargher accepted the certificates, respectively.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of April 29, 2022, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Santa Maria and inviting all residents and businesses to celebrate and take part in the festivities by planting trees and acknowledging the important role trees have in the City. Recreation & Parks Commissioner Rebecca Carey and Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman accepted the Proclamation.

C. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing May 5, 2022, as "Day of Prayer" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging people of all faiths to participate according to their own traditions. Lisa Bodrogi and Mabel Valle accepted the Proclamation.

D. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 24-30, 2022, as "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging all residents and businesses to recognize the vital contributions of the local Chapter of the California Association of Medical Technology. Valarie Trenev accepted the Proclamation.

E. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2022 as "Donate Life Month" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging all residents and businesses to check "YES!" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or ID card, or by signing up at donateLIFEcalifornia.org or doneVIDAcalifornia.org. Scott Burns accepted the Proclamation.

F. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2022 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging all residents and businesses to continue the celebration of equal housing opportunities and the progress made in opening the doors to housing opportunities for all residents of Santa Maria. Mayra Marin of the Legal Aid Foundation accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comment was received from Denise Sullivan submitting a correction to clarify information about an encampment clean-up.

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt also submitted written communication in support of funding body cams for the Police Department.

Hunter Jameson spoke on Consent Agenda Item 3H (Landscape Districts Feasibility Study) and suggested that the Finance Department determine the amount of a designated sales tax that would cover park costs once they are calculated by the feasibility study. The City Council could then decide whether to submit the tax measure to voters or to proceed to the final stages of setting up a special taxing district by giving property owners individual notice and an opportunity to protest.

Gary Hall, Peggy Brierton, Esther Jensen, and Eileen Armijo each requested the City Council consider placing a mobile home rent stabilization Ordinance on a future meeting agenda.

In response to Mr. Hunter Jameson's comments, City Manager Stilwell clarified that the Landscape Feasibility Study item came about from the last budget when staff was looking at significant reductions to Recreation & Parks services. The City Council had asked staff to move forward and explore ways to keep park services available and possibly expand them. The proposal with Item 3H is to analyze what parks cost and what options there are to maintain them. Staff would then bring those suggestions back at a future meeting. The City Council, at this point, would not be approving any tax or revenue change.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3H were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-31, 2022-32, 2022-33, and 2022-34. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 5, 2022.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the Lompoc Valley Medical Center for healthcare services.

Action: Joint Powers Agreement was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-31. 5-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with Main Line Engineering Construction, Inc., Bid No. 2022/02, Fire Hydrant Upgrade Project.

Action: Agreement approved with Main Line Engineering Construction.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-32. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Cannon for the design of Water Supply Well #15.

Action: Agreement approved with Cannon.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-33. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with DTA Municipal Solutions for a feasibility study to form a citywide landscape maintenance district under the authority of the California Streets & Highways Code.

Action: Agreement approved with DTA Municipal Solutions.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-34. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.** The City Council considered introducing an Ordinance adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy in accordance with California Assembly Bill No. 481.

Police Chief Schneider gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. and, hearing no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, approving a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Police Department in compliance with AB 481.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2022-03. 5-0.

B. **TAX AND EQUITY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (TEFRA) REGARDING CENTENNIAL SQUARE APARTMENTS**. The City Council considered approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority not to exceed $60,000,000 for the benefit of Centennial Square Apartments.

Director of Finance Harvey gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. and hearing no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, and development of a 184-unit multi-family rental housing project generally known as Centennial Square Apartments.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-35. 5-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN.** The City Council considered the proposed Local Roadway Safety Plan which provides a framework for organizing stakeholders to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements on local roads.

Interim Director of Public Works Fulgoni gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
There was no written correspondence or requests to speak.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Santa Maria Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP).
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-36. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be May 3, 2022. Items on the agenda would include the Water Awareness Poster contest winners; Proclamations for Water Awareness Month and the 100th Anniversary of the First United Methodist Church; and a presentation of the Regional Broadband program through SBCAG.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Downtown Revitalization Committee Meeting and the Central Coast Regional Equity Initiative meeting. She asked that a rent stabilization Ordinance be placed on a future agenda.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the recent Strawberry Recognition Dinner and a meeting with the Rancho Buena Vista Homeowner's Association. He also requested that a rent stabilization Ordinance be placed on a future agenda.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a United Way Planning meeting for the Elks Rodeo.

Councilmember Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 meetings.

Mayor Patino reported she attended an SBCAG/APCD Special meeting; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting; and a Rotary meeting. She also invited everyone to attend the EconAlliance/SBCAG Broadband Community Forum on April 26th at 2:30 p.m. in Shepard Hall at the Santa Maria Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on May 3, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria